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A/S MOOSE AND KAGAME MANAGED FINALLY TO TALK ON THE PHONE
TUESDAY. FOLLOWING IS AN UNCLEARED, BACK-CHANNEL READOUT
OF THE TELCON. I BELIEVE A FRONT CHANNEL REPORTING CABLE
ALONG THE SAME LINES IS IN THE WORKS:

A/S MOOSE REACHED VICE PRESIDENT KAGAME TUESDAY AFTERNOON
(MAY 30). KAGAME APOLOGIZED FOR NOT HAVING RETURNED
MOOSE'S CALL OVER THE WEEKEND. HE COMPLAINED THAT HE WAS
UP COUNTRY AND COULD NOT GET HIS CELLULAR PHONE TO WORK.

A/S MOOSE SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A SATISFACTORY
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RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE UNAMIR MANDATE. KAGAME REPLIED THAT HE AND SRSG KHAN HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT. THE UN HAD ACCEPTED A CHANGE IN THE MANDATE TO REFLECT THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN RWANDA - NOW THAT A GOVERNMENT IS IN PLACE AND FUNCTIONING, THE UN ROLE IS TO OBSERVE, KAGAME SAID. HE HAS AGREED TO UN DEPLOYMENT OF ARMED SOLDIERS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL.

A/S MOOSE ASKED IF THEY HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE SIZE OF THE UNAMIR FORCE. KAGAME REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON A FORCE OF 1800 PLUS CIVILIAN POLICE TRAINERS AND "OTHER ELEMENTS". A/S MOOSE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UN FELT THEY NEEDED A GREATER NUMBER OF TROOPS TO DO THE JOB. NOTING THAT WE HAD ASKED THE UN TO HOLD UP THEIR REPORT UNTIL THE NUMBERS QUESTION WAS SETTLED, HE URGED KAGAME TO GET IN TOUCH WITH SRSG KHAN TO BE SURE THAT THEY HAD REACHED AGREEMENT. KAGAME SAID THAT HE WAS SENDING A TEAM TO NEW YORK. THEY WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH KHAN AS THEY ARE GOING TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF RWANDA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UN.

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